

Lewis and Clark County Mental Health Local Advisory Council
Intermountain Conference Room
Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order, led introductions throughout the room, and introduced Jocelyn Olsen from the Restorative Justice and Court Services (RJCS) Department with Lewis and Clark County and explained her role as logistical support for the LAC.

Members in Attendance: John Wilkinson (Chair), Katie Jerstad, Ray Roberts, Matt Furlong, Michelle Cuddy, Brian Coplin, Kimberly Gardner, Mike Noble, Cheryl Hunt, Melanie Reynolds and Drenda Niemann, Molly Protheroe, and Margaret Strachan (Vice Chair).

Others in Attendance: Jocelyn Olsen, Abbie Colussi, Alison Munson, Tauna Kultgen, Meghan Phillips, Natalie McCorllen, Dennis Nyland, Jen Shirilla, Jeffery Krott, and Jess Hegstrom.

II. Follow up from county “Board Training,” and the LAC’s conformance with Montana’s “Open Meeting Laws” – John Wilkinson

The LAC must adhere to the Open Meeting Laws. Information regarding the LAC will be posted to the RJCS website once it is up and running.

Each of the three workgroups will need to post meeting announcements and agendas ahead of time, and keep minutes of any meetings they conduct.

III. Lewis and Clark County Proclamation- John Wilkinson

May was Mental Health Awareness Month. The Lewis and Clark County Proclamation regarding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and resiliency was read to the group.

Ms. Hegstrom informed the council that East Helena issued a similar proclamation in regards to Mental Health America.

IV. Update from Central Service Area Authority(CSAA): request for funding changes- Molly Protheroe

An update was provided by Ms. Protheroe regarding the CSAA money allocation and the need for mini-grants for further allocation. A meeting is planned for June 23, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church, 535 N Ewing Street, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

V. Status Reports from Workgroups

- **Group 3 – Identify gaps in community mental health services and make recommendations for additional services as needed- Matt Furlong**

The group has identified a need for a resource system in the county such as the 211 system run by the United Way, the need for educational meetings and discussions to address Downtown business owners’ concerns, and potential in the Family First Prevention Act.

- **Group 1 – Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of community mental health services- John Wilkinson/Molly Protheroe**

A process mapping session will be held at PureView on June 15, 2018 from noon to 2 p.m.

- **Group 2 – Community outreach and communication- Jess Hegstrom**

Ms. Hegstrom requested more help and involvement from workgroup 2 members and ideas on action to take for the Suicide Prevention Week coming up.

VI. Coordination and Collaboration Discussion

Ms. Reynolds suggested the LAC create a steering committee. John will work with Margaret Strachan, Vice Chair, on forming a steering committee with the intent of having an initial meeting before the end of June.

VII. Next Meeting: August 7, 2018

There will be no July 2018 meeting due to July 4th holiday conflict.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes Approved on August 7, 2018